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MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS MADE URGENT REQUEST TO EMBASSY FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST DURING HIS EUROPEAN TOUR. MINISTRY OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF MODIFICATIONS IN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S SOUTH AMERICAN VISIT, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATAN WILL BE RETURNING TO BUCHAREST ON SEPTEMBER 24. ALTHOUGH GOR OFFICIAL DID NOT STATE THIS SPECIFICALLY, HE IMPLIED THAT ENTIRE GROUP, INCLUDING PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, WILL BE RETURNING TO BUCHAREST ON THAT DATE. WE EXPLAINED THAT SECRETARY'S TRIP IS ABOUT TO BEGIN AND THAT LAST MINUTE CHANGE IMPROBABLE. NEVERTHELESS, GOR OFFICIALS ASKED US TO PASS ON THEIR REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PROBABLY MOTIVATED BY WHAT THEY MIGHT CONSIDER AS
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ADVERSE POLITICAL IMPACT OF SECRETARY DENT VISITING EE COUNTRIES

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BUT BYPASSING ROMANIA. CURRENCY OF ISSUES SUCH AS US TRADE LEGISLATION AND MFN, AND PERHAPS SENSITIVITY OVER PATRASCU AFFAIR, ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO ROMANIAN SENSE OF DISAPPOINTMENT AS WELL AS ENDEMIC SUSPICIONSTHAT IMPROVEMENT IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS IS AT EXPENSE OF INDEPENDENT-MINDED ROMANIA. IF VISIT TO BUCHAREST IS ENTIRELY OUT OF THE QUESTION AT THIS TIME A STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY THAT HE WOULD MAKE SEPARATE TRIP TO BUCHAREST WOULD BE HELPFUL UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
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